

A PONDEROUS BOILER BURSTS

THE FLYING IRON SCATTERS RUIN AND
DESTRUCTION AROUND.

**PRESSURE OF STEAM FAR BEYOND THE LICENSE
THE CAUSE—THE DRY DOCK RAILWAY
STABLES WRECKED—DISASTER FALLS**

QUICKLY ON THE WORKINGMEN—
TWO BLOWN ACROSS THE ROAD
—FRONT OF A HOUSE
KNOCKED IN—THIRTY
HORSES KILLED.

Swift destruction of life and property and the maiming of a number of persons were caused by the explosion of a steam boiler in East Fourth-street, near Avenue B, yesterday afternoon. One of the buildings of the Dry Dock and East River Tug and Barge Railroad Company was wrecked com-

completely in an instant. The lives of five men were blotted out in the same moment. One of



The illustration depicts a scene of destruction on a city street. A large, cylindrical boiler has been blown across the road and is now lying on its side, partially crushed. Debris, including wooden planks and rubble, is scattered around the boiler. In the background, a multi-story building with several windows is visible. Two men are standing in the foreground: one on the left, wearing a hat and a long coat, and another on the right, also in a long coat. The scene is rendered in a detailed, etched style.

THE BOILER BLOWN ACROSS 14TH-ST.

the men killed was the engineer, whose carelessness must have caused the explosion. The

bodies of two other men were blown clear across Fourteenth-st. from the building where they had been at work. Part of the exploded boiler also took flight across the street, and broke down the front wall of a five-story tenement-house. Firemen and policemen were summoned to the scene of the explosion, and there was a general call for ambulances. Injured men were removed to hospitals with as much haste as possible, while the firemen made a search for bodies in the ruins. Two men injured were being taken to the Bellevue Hospital. About thirty horses in the wrecked building were killed by the explosion or were injured so badly that it was necessary to shoot them to put them out of misery.

Last evening the appended list of the dead and injured persons had been obtained:

THE DEAD.

ARMISTEAD, John, aged thirty-four, the engineer in charge of the boiler which exploded, was believed to be the first killed. His body was supposed to be in the wreck of the building. He had a wife and two children.

GILLESPIE, John, a hostler, sixty years old, was killed by a fall from the roof of the wrecked mill. His body was found under those of the horses, and was carried to the morgue. He was a native of Scotland, No. 536 East Fourth street. He had a family at No. 410 East Sixteenth.

HARRIS, John, a laborer, thirty-five, was shoved down grain in front of the mill when his boiler exploded. He was killed instantly and his body was killed in the mill. He was a native of Scotland, No. 534 East Fourteenth st., with the exception of a short time in the city.

McMILLAN, James, a laborer, thirty-five, was killed by a fall from the roof of the mill. His body was removed to the undertaker's shop. His brother faints when he witnesses the accident.

McMILLAN, Samuel, an unmarried laborer, forty years old, was at work with his brother when he was killed. He was thrown down to the south side walk in front of the house No. 536. His brother carried him to the morgue. He had a family in the city and was employed in the shop of Maxey Brothers.

QUINN, Patrick, aged twenty-two, a hostler, who lived in the mill, was killed by a fall from the roof of the second floor of the mill. His body was found on the wreckage at the rear of the building, and was carried to the undertaker's shop.

THE INJURED.

BRENNAN, Michael, aged twenty-two, laborer, living at No. 214 Monmouth, fractured scapula. Taken to the hospital.

BRIDGLIN, Charles, aged twenty-one, tradesman, living at No. 240 First-ave., fractured skull. Taken to Bellevue hospital.

EAGAN, William, aged twenty-five, laborer, living at No. 228 Avenue A, fracture of ribs and body bruised. Taken to the hospital.

GALLAGHER, Annie, aged five, living at No. 540 E. Fourteenth, knocked down by flying brick—fractured right arm and leg. Taken to Bellevue Hospital.

GALLAGHER, Michael, aged four, living at No. 5 East Fourteenth, knocked down by flying brick—fractured right arm and leg and face fractured. Taken to Bellevue Hospital.

HARBAN, James, aged twenty-nine, salesman, married, living at No. 1014 E. 10th, fractured right arm and leg. Taken to Bellevue Hospital.

MCDONALD, Michael, aged twenty-two, laborer, fractured right arm and leg. Taken to Bellevue Hospital.

MARTINE, George L., aged thirty-two, car driver, married, living at No. 1014 E. 10th, fractured right arm and leg. Taken to Bellevue Hospital.

TOWELL, Thomas, aged forty-nine, mechanic, married, living at No. 475 Second, compound fracture of both jaws. Taken to New York Hospital.

ROYAL, William, aged twenty-one, laborer, living at No. 1014 E. 10th, fractured right arm, leg and skull. Taken to Bellevue Hospital.

RHIL, John, aged thirty, married, car driver, living at No. 1014 E. 10th, severely lacerated by nails crashed through his hairroom. Taken to Bellevue Hospital.

SHAW, Daniel, aged twenty, unemployed laborer, married, living at No. 1014 E. 10th, fractured right arm and leg. Taken to Bellevue Hospital.

UN-SUSPECTING MEN AT THEIR WORK.

It was nine minutes after 1 p. m. when the roar of the explosion was heard, and the would have been a much longer list of dead and injured if the explosion had occurred nine minutes earlier. Many children who attended the parochial school of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, near by, were playing in the fourteenth-st., in front of the car stables, until they were called into their classrooms at p. m. Car No. 236 of the Dry Dock and Eastern Roadway line, and a car of the B-1 line, in front of the stables in Fourteenth-st., a few minutes later. George Martine, the driver

the former car, stopped to change horses, while the other car passed into Avenue B, out of danger. Martine went into the stables, leaving the conductor and one passenger in the car. In the third car, which was 25 feet long, 10 feet wide and 12 feet high, the main stables and several men were at work. John Armstrong, a engineer, was attending to the machinery which elevated grain and ground it into horse feed on the top floor. The boiler which furnished the power was on the ground floor, in the middle of the building. Hassen and McMillan were shovelling grain from the entrance, and the feed was being taken into horse stalls. Other men were feeding horses on the second floor, or handling grain in the mill on the top floor.

FLUX AND DEATH COME HAND IN HAND

Suddenly, without the least warning, the entire building was shattered. With a roar like the reports of a dozen cannon mingled in the boiler, eighteen feet long and five feet in diameter, was rent asunder. The forward half

of the big iron tube, with the firegate a furnace, went through the front wall of the building like a shot, and, crossing the street, mid-air struck against the front of the first-story tenement house No. 534 East Fourteenth st. It made a deep dent in the house, knocked down the front wall below the third floor, a fell on the sidewalk with the shower of brick and broken glass. At the same moment the other half of the boiler, torn in a dozen places, was flung back to the rear wall of the building. The floors and roof of the building fell in shapeless ruin, carrying down the m